



The Big Serve

TABLE TENNIS SOUTHLAND

May 2026

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH TTS - WAYNE MCEWAN

This is a busy month, congratulations to all those people who competed at the South Island Championships in Dunedin and also in the Southland Open. We have also just finished the autumn competition and the winter competition started on 6 May, this has changed from 12 weeks to 15 weeks and ends on 12 August.

We held the Southland Open on 9 and 10 May, with some very good games to watch.

This year Table Tennis Southland celebrates 90 years of table tennis. We hope to give you an update on what is planned for this event in a later newsletter.

IMPORANT NOTICE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Table tennis is a very competitive sport and everyone wants to do well and compete. However remember to be courteous and polite to other players. Displays of anger, swearing, arguing with the umpire and intimidation of other players will not be tolerated. More senior players especially need to be aware of how they play when they are playing younger, less experienced ones.

If you have a concern please talk to me so we can try to resolve the issue amicably, but if you want to make a formal complaint this must be done properly, written and signed, following a strict procedure.

Board Members

I am pleased to announce that Ron Garrett has agreed to come back on to the Board. Trevor Todd has indicated he is happy to be on the Board. This will be ratified at the next Board meeting.

Ron has a wealth of knowledge about TTS and this will be of great assistance to the Board. Trevor has a lot of experience on other sports clubs' committees too, it is great he has agreed to join us. Richard, Kevin and Deb all provide a lot of skills and energy too so going from a board of 4 to one of 6 will make us more capable which is good.

Maurice Rodway

COACHING

Ron Garrett will be starting coaching classes shortly. Please contact Ron: email: rongarrett@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 201 9059 to discuss suitable times.

SOUTH ISLAND INDIVIDUAL AND PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS, 17 TO 19 APRIL 2026, DUNEDIN

Results for Southland players:

Under 19 Girls Doubles

2nd Emma Bathurst / Tracey Hsia

Over 40 Combined Doubles

2nd Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman

3rd/4th Megan Parkinson / Ben Cummings

Over 60 Men's Singles

3rd/4th Willie Brocks

Over 60 Combined Doubles

1st Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman

3rd/4th Megan Parkinson / Ray Sheath

C Grade Women's Singles

3rd/4th Megan Parkinson

C Grade Combined Doubles

3rd/4th Yuliya Shalina / Megan Parkinson

REGIONAL SQUADS

Regional Squads have been confirmed and on the TTNZ website. Three Southland players have been selected for the Southern Camp - Emma Bathurst, Peter McIntyre and Evie Rout. Wayne has also put in a wild card entry for Athena Garcia. Congratulations to those players who have been selected.

AUTUMN COMPETITION 25 MARCH TO 29 APRIL

The Autumn Singles competition has finished with many good games and competition over the six weeks of the event.

Players were Megan, Deb, Jeremy, Isaac, Wayne, Richard, Tom, Liam, Nathan, Vaughan, Greg, Jeff, Oliver, Yuliya, Aatman, Slade and myself. Others filled in occasionally; Emma, Kelly and Victor.

In the A grade Greg was consistently on the top, although when Kelly played, he was the best. Richard, Isaac and Deb stayed there throughout as well providing good competition with each other and Greg and Kelly. Wayne played strongly too.

In the B grade Jeremy, Megan and Yuliya were consistently winning most of their games, going into the A grade as they won each week.

In the C Grade Oliver, Jeff and Victor were the top players but the rest of us had good games too. Jeff and Oliver graduated to the B grade for most of the competition.

The last night was a bit low on numbers but those present still had good games. Richard had some tough games but managed to win them with Deb, Isaac and Megan giving each other a good workout.

In the B grade Tom won out but was taken to 4 games by Yuliya, Jeff, Slade and Victor. Oliver also played with skill and enthusiasm.

In the C grade Nathan was the overall winner on a countback but lost to Maurice. Maurice and Aatman went to the full seven games in a tight tussle with Aatman eventually winning. Liam made all his opponents play to the best of their ability so overall the players were evenly matched.

Overall, the competition went well and the flexible arrangements allowing others to fill in at times was beneficial.

SOUTH ISLAND TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP 31 MAY TO 1 JUNE 2026, CHRISTCHURCH

Congratulations to the following players who will be representing Southland at this event:

Men's Team: Willie Brocks, Captain, Andrew Fleming, Carl Rodmell and Issac Lindsay

Women's Team: Megan Parkinson, Captain, Yuliya Shalina and Emma Bathurst

U19 Girls: Emma Bathurst, Captain and Athena Garcia

U13 Girls: Athena Garcia along with a draft player

Athena and Emma have benefitted by \$100 each from funds previously donated by Ron Garrett for juniors at National events.

The full draw is now out on Tournament Planner.

ILT SOUTHLAND OPEN 2026 - 9-10 MAY 2026

The ILT Southland Open table tennis tournament took place over the weekend and some great games took place through the 1½ days.

Ben Duffy from Otago took out his 11th Southland Men's Open Singles title on Saturday winning a fantastic final over Edwin Nieman also of Otago in 5 games winning by 4 games to 1. Tracey Hsia from Canterbury also repeated her heroics from last year in beating Gemma Buzzard formerly of Southland now in Canterbury by 4 games to 1. Tracey also won Under 21 and Under 19 girl's singles titles. Tracey's brother William also took out Under 13 combined singles, Under 15 and Under 19 boy's singles to show his up-and-coming class.

Other creditable performances by Southland players. Athenia Garcia winning the Under 15 girl's title and Willie Brocks winning Over 30 Men's singles and Over 60 combined singles titles.

A full listing of placings and full results can be found on the TTNZ Tournament planner

<https://ttnz.tournamentsoftware.com/sport/winners.aspx?id=9d51e9f0-42cf-481b-b701-b2dbfab2a856>

Table Tennis Southland wish to acknowledge the support from its sponsor Invercargill Licensing Trust and to thank the volunteers who made this event happen over the 1½ days. Tournament Manager - Megan, with support from Richard, Gillian, and Deborah. A lot of organising, planning and time made this event happen. Table Tennis Southland would also like to thank all of the players that entered including the players that travelled from Otago, Central Otago and Canterbury. This made this tournament a very special and high-quality event with some highly fought matches over the 1½ days.

Photographs at the back of the newsletter.

Open Men's Singles

1st Ben Duffy
2nd Edwin Nieman
3rd/4th Willie Brocks
3rd/4th William Hsia

Open Women's Singles

1st Tracey Hsia
2nd Gemma Buzzard
3rd/4th Emma Bathurst
3rd/4th Deborah Cooper

Open Men's Doubles

1st Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman
2nd Ben Duffy / Grant Wilson
3rd/4th Isaac Lindsay / Carl Rodmell
3rd/4th Karolyi Erderli / Mike Morus

Open Women's Doubles

1st Gemma Buzzard / Tracey Hsia
2nd Deborah Cooper / Emma Bathurst
3rd Megan Parkinson / Yuliya Shalina

Open Mixed Doubles

1st William Hsia / Tracey Hsia
2nd Edwin Nieman / Gemma Buzzard
3rd/4th Willie Brocks / Megan Parkinson
3rd/4th Richard Cavanagh / Deborah Cooper

2nd Grade Men's Singles

1st Slade Fordyce
2nd Neill Williams
3rd/4th Jeremy Smith
3rd/4th Maurice Rodway

2nd Grade Women's Singles

1st Athena Garcia
2nd Marissa Wang
3rd Evie Rout
4th Victoria Wang

2nd Grade Men's Doubles

1st Peter McIntyre / Neill Williams
 2nd Jeff Elton / Oliver McLean
 3rd/4th Slade Fordyce / Jeremy Smith
 3rd/4th Maurice Rodway / Ian Rout

2nd Grade Women's Doubles

1st Athena Garcia / Evie Rout
 2nd Marissa Wang / Victoria Wang

Over 60 Combined Singles

1st Willie Brocks
 2nd Megan Parkinson
 3rd Jeff Elton

Over 60 Combined Doubles

1st Willie Brocks / Megan Parkinson
 2nd Jeff Elton / Steve McVicar

Over 40 Combined Singles

1st Edwin Nieman
 2nd Matthew Fogarty
 3rd/4th Neill Williams
 3rd/4th Willie Brocks

Over 40 Combined Doubles

1st Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman
 2nd Matthew Fogarty / Neill Williams
 3rd/4th Richard Cavanagh / Megan Parkinson
 3rd/4th Karolyi Erderli / Mike Morus

Over 30 Men's Singles

1st Willie Brocks
 2nd Grant Wilson
 3rd/4th Neill Williams
 3rd/4th Mike Morus

Over 30 Women's Singles

1st Gemma Buzzard
 2nd Yuliya Shalina
 3rd Megan Parkinson

Over 30 Combined Doubles

1st Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman
 2nd Gemma Buzzard / Yuliya Shalina
 3rd/4th Neill Williams / Megan Parkinson
 3rd/4th Karolyi Erderli / Mike Morus

Under 21 Combined Singles

1st Tracey Hsia
 2nd Slade Fordyce
 3rd Peter McIntyre
 4th Emma Bathurst

Under 21 Combined Doubles

1st Tracey Hsia / William Hsia
 2nd Emma Bathurst / Peter McIntyre

Under 19 Boy's Singles

1st William Hsia
 2nd Slade Fordyce
 3rd Aatman Parashar
 4th Peter McIntyre

Under 19 Girl's Singles

1st Tracey Hsia
 2nd Emma Bathurst
 3rd Athena Garcia
 4th Marissa Wang
 5th Evie Rout

Under 19 Combined Doubles

1st Tracey Hsia / William Hsia
 2nd Slade Fordyce / Marissa Wang
 3rd Emma Bathurst / Peter McIntyre
 4th Athena Garcia / Evie Rout

Under 15 Boy's Singles

1st William Hsia
 2nd Slade Fordyce
 3rd Aatman Parashar

Under 15 Girl's Singles

1st Athena Garcia
 2nd Marissa Wang
 3rd Melody Li
 4th Evie Rout
 5th Victoria Wang

Under 15 Combined Doubles

1st Athena Garcia / Evie Rout
 2nd Slade Fordyce / Marissa Wang

Under 13 Combined Singles

1st William Hsia
 2nd Athena Garcia
 3rd/4th Marissa Wang
 3rd/4th Melody Li

Under 13 Combined Doubles

1st William Hsia / Marissa Wang
 2nd Athena Garcia / Victoria Wang

CARD HIRE

Remember card hire options are available. If interested, contact Wayne McEwan for details. Mobile 0274 363 322 (in the afternoons and evenings only) or email office@tabletennissouth.org.nz

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2026

Secondary Schools Championship is to be held on **Wednesday 17 June 2026**.

Southland Residential Championships is to be held on **Saturday 15 August 2026**.

ANY QUESTIONS

First point of call is Wayne McEwan but if you have any questions, you can ask the Board members who are:

Maurice Rodway (Chairman), Richard Cavanagh, Deborah Cooper, Ron Garrett and Kevin Toomey.



**Cheers from operations manager Wayne McEwan
and the TTS Board.**

**SOUTH ISLAND INDIVIDUAL AND PARA CHAMPIONSHIPS, 17 TO 19 APRIL 2026, DUNEDIN –
SOUTHLAND PLAYERS IN ACTION AND GETTING MEDALS**





LAST NIGHT OF AUTUMN COMPETITION, 29 APRIL 2026



**Congratulations to all those
Southland players selected for
2026 South Island Teams in
Christchurch**

Open Men's Team

- Willie Brocks, Team Captain
- Andrew Fleming
- Carl Rodmell
- Issac Lindsay

U19 Girls' Team

- Emma Bathurst, Team Captain
- Athena Garcia

Open Women's Team

- Megan Parkinson, Team Captain
- Yuliya Shalina
- Emma Bathurst

U13 Girls' Team

- Athena Garcia
- Draft Player

**King's Birthday Weekend
Sunday 31 May to Monday 1 June**

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Some photos taken of winners / runners up at the Southland Open Championships



**Open Men's Singles
Ron Garrett with Ben Duffy (1st)**



**Open Men's Singles
Ron Garrett with Edwin Nieman (2nd)**



**Open Women's Singles
Ron Garrett with Tracey Hsia (1st)**



**Open Women's Singles
Ron Garrett with Gemma Buzzard (2nd)**



**Open Men's Doubles
Ron Garrett with Edwin Nieman / Willie Brocks (1st)**



**Open Men's Doubles
Grant Wilson / Ben Duffy (2nd)**



**Open Women's Doubles
Ron Garrett with Tracey Hsia / Gemma Buzzard (1st)**



**Open Women's Doubles
Emma Bathurst / Deborah Cooper (2nd)**



Open Mixed Doubles
Ron Garrett with Tracey Hsia / William Hsia (1st)



Open Mixed Doubles
Ron Garrett with Gemma Buzzard / Edwin Nieman (2nd)



2nd Grade Men's Singles
Yuliya Shalina with Slade Fordyce (1st)



2nd Grade Men's Singles
Yuliya Shalina with Neill Williams (2nd)



2nd Grade Women's Singles
Athena Garcia (1st)



2nd Grade Women's Singles
Marissa Wang (2nd)



2nd Grade Men's Doubles
Yuliya Shalina with Neill Williams /
Peter McIntyre (absent) (1st)



2nd Grade Men's Singles
Yuliya Shalina with Oliver McLean /
Jeff Elton (absent) (2nd)



2nd Grade Women's Doubles
Yuliya Shalina with Athena Garcia / Evie Rout (1st)



2nd Grade Women's Doubles
Marissa Wang / Victoria Wang (2nd)



**Over 30 Combined Singles
Ron Garrett with Willie Brocks (1st)**



**Over 30 Combined Singles
Ron Garrett with Grant Wilson (2nd)**



**Over 30 Combined Doubles
Ron Garrett with Willie Brocks / Edwin Nieman (1st)**



**Over 30 Combined Doubles
Ron Garrett with Gemma Buzzard / Yuliya Shalina (2nd)**



**Over 40 Combined Singles
Edwin Nieman (1st) with Ron Garrett**



**Over 40 Combined Singles
Matthew Fogarty (2nd) with Ron Garrett**



**Over 40 Combined Doubles
Edwin Nieman / Willie Brocks (1st)
with Ron Garrett**



**Over 40 Combined Doubles
Neill Williams / Matthew Fogarty (2nd)
with Ron Garrett**



**Over 60 Combined Singles
Willie Brocks (1st)**



**Over 60 Combined Doubles
Megan Parkinson (2nd)**



O60 Combined Doubles
Willie Brocks / Megan Parkinson (1st) and Jeff Elton / Steve McVicar (2nd)



U21 Combined Singles
Richard Cavanagh with Tracey Hsia



U21 Combined Singles
Richard Cavanagh with Slade Fordyce (2nd)



U21 Combined Doubles
Tracey Hsia / William Hsia (1st)



U21 Combined Doubles
Peter McIntyre / Emma Bathurst (2nd)



U19 Boy's Singles
William Hsia (1st)



U19 Boy's Singles
Slade Fordyce (2nd)



U19 Girl's Singles
Tracey Hsia (1st)



U19 Girl's Singles
Emma Bathurst (2nd)



U19 Combined Doubles
William Hsia / Tracey Hsia (1st)



U19 Combined Doubles
Marissa Wang / Slade Fordyce (2nd)



U15 Boy's Singles
Richard Cavanagh with William Hsia (1st)



U15 Boy's Singles
Richard Cavanagh with Slade Fordyce (2nd)



U15 Girl's Singles
Ron Garrett with Athena Garcia (1st)



U15 Girl's Singles
Marissa Wang (2nd) with Ron Garrett



U15 Combined Doubles
Ron Garrett with Evie Rout / Athena Garcia (1st)



U15 Combined Doubles
Ron Garrett with Marissa Wang / Slade Fordyce (2nd)



U13 Combined Singles
Ron Garrett with William Hsia (1st)



U13 Combined Singles
Ron Garrett with Athena Garcia (2nd)



U13 Combined Doubles
Richard Cavanagh with William Hsia /
Marissa Wang (1st)



U13 Combined Doubles
Richard Cavanagh with Athena Garcia /
Victoria Wang (2nd)



Yuliya, Issac, Carl, Andrew, Ben and Grant

TTS CALENDAR FOR 2026

Tue 28 April to 16 June	Table Toppers Term 2 - 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 8 year olds
Thu 30 April to 18 June	Table Toppers Term 2 - 4 to 5 pm, 9 to 11 year olds
Thu 30 April to 18 June	High School Competition, 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Wed 6 May to 12 August	Winter Interclub Competition (15 weeks)
Wednesday 17 June	Southland Secondary School Champs, Invercargill
4 July to 17 July	Term 3 school holidays
Friday 17 to Sunday 19 July	Otago Open
Tue 28 July to 15 Sept	Table Toppers Term 3 - 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 8 year olds
Thu 30 July to 17 June	Table Toppers Term 3 - 4 to 5 pm, 9 to 11 year olds
Wed 19 Aug to 23 Sept	Spring Interclub Competition (6 weeks)
Sat 15 August	Southland Residentials
26 September to 9 October	Term 4 school holidays
26 September to 4 October	New Zealand Open Championships, Christchurch
Tue 20 Oct to 8 Dec	Table Toppers Term 4 - 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 8 year olds
Thu 22 Oct to 10 Dec	Table Toppers Term 4 - 4 to 5 pm, 9 to 11 year olds